

## Board of Directors Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chair's Report	4 June 2020		
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<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.		<b>Approval</b>		
		<b>Assurance</b>	X	
		<b>Update</b>		
		<b>Consider</b>		
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care</b>	<b>To promote and support health and wellbeing</b>	<b>To maximise the potential of our workforce</b>	<b>To continuously learn and improve</b>	<b>To achieve better value</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/a				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
<p>An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19</li> <li>• CQC Assessment</li> <li>• Gamma scanner appeal</li> <li>• Volunteers Week</li> <li>• Special DAISY Award scheme launched at Sherwood Forest Hospitals this International Nurses Day</li> <li>• Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust joins fight against Coronavirus in ground-breaking new study</li> <li>• Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings</li> <li>• Membership summary</li> </ul>				

## Chair's Report – June 2020

### **Covid-19**

The Trust's continued response to Covid-19 will be discussed in more detail elsewhere in Board, but I want to recognise once more the continued dedication, compassion and calmness that has characterised SFHFT's Covid activity.

On behalf of the Board I would like to express thanks to everyone involved across the Trust. Also thanks to our partner agencies across the Health and Social Care sector, as well as the generous response from the wider community, including Morrison's in particular.

Sadly we have again seen a number of deaths at Sherwood, and our thoughts are with all of those who have lost loved ones.

### **CQC**

The CQC published our latest inspection report with the good news that both of our main sites have improved their overall rating. King's Mill Hospital is now Outstanding overall, and Newark Hospital has improved to Good overall. SFH overall remains Good, and we are very pleased to have improved our rating for Safety to Good. This is an excellent achievement that rewards the enormous amount of work over the last few years.

### **Gamma scanner appeal**

I am delighted to say that in the last week we have been able to officially close our ambitious fundraising appeal for a new Gamma Scanner for Sherwood Forest Hospitals. This has been a significant undertaking, and our thanks go to everyone who has contributed.

The new sophisticated scanner will enable more than 2,000 patients each year to have advanced scans which will be able to speed up the diagnosis of diseases like cancer with greater accuracy, and will revolutionise how patients are treated.

The Gamma Scanner appeal was launched in April 2018, supported by the local Chad newspaper, to raise money to fund a new high-tech gamma scanner for the Trust. The new piece of life-changing technology will be used by the nuclear medicine department at King's Mill Hospital and will enable patients to receive quicker, more detailed diagnoses and start treatment sooner.

The money raised for the appeal has been generated by numerous voluntary and charity groups in the local community, patients and their families and friends, colleagues, volunteers and public donations. The support from the Chad newspaper has also been paramount to the money being raised.

### **Volunteers Week**

Our Board meeting is taking place during National Volunteers Week, and whilst we haven't been able to celebrate it how we normally would, I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank and recognise the fantastic role our volunteers play in the running of our organisation. They are essential to the day to day running of the hospital and are often the first face visitors or patients see on arrival providing a warm and friendly welcome. Thank you to our volunteers and the Community Involvement team.

**Special DAISY Award scheme launched at Sherwood Forest Hospitals this International Nurses Day**

Patients, staff, volunteers and visitors are being asked to nominate nurses and midwives at Sherwood Forest Hospitals so that they can be honoured with a very special **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses and Midwives**.

The Trust launched the awards scheme on International Nurses day (12 May 2020), working in partnership with the DAISY Foundation programme to recognise the amazing efforts nurses and midwives perform every day.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

The DAISY Award has been adopted by healthcare facilities around the world to celebrate nurses for their extraordinary care and compassion. The DAISY Award is for nurses and nurse-led teams of two or more who come together to solve a specific situation by going above and beyond.

Nursing and midwifery teams may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. Winners are chosen by a committee of nurses at Sherwood Forest Hospitals to receive The DAISY Award. The DAISY Award is presented throughout the year at a surprise presentation on the ward or area the nurses and midwives work in. Each member of the Nursing and/or Midwifery Team receives a certificate commending them for being an "Extraordinary Nurse or Midwife."

Patients, staff, volunteers and visitors can nominate a nurse or midwife for a DAISY Award by visiting the Sherwood Forest Hospitals website here - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/work-for-us/staff-recognition/daisy-awards-2020/> or by asking a member of staff for a DAISY form.

**Sherwood Forest Hospital Foundation Trust joins fight against Coronavirus in ground-breaking new study**

Sherwood Forest Hospitals has joined the fight against Coronavirus by recruiting COVID-19 patients to participate in a ground-breaking new study of the disease performed by the partnership between the GenOMICC Study Consortium (led by the University of Edinburgh) and Genomics England. The study, announced by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, on 13/5/20, will help us better understand the virus' varied effects on people and support the search for treatments.

Researchers from the University of Edinburgh's GenOMICC project, will work together with Genomics England and over 170 NHS hospitals including SFH, the study aims to sequence the genomes of 20,000 people who are severely ill with COVID-19. 2000 patients have been recruited to the GenOMICC study already.

This ground-breaking research may help explain why some patients with COVID-19 experience a mild infection, others require intensive care and why for some it is sadly fatal. By discovering why some people are predisposed to developing life-threatening symptoms, the initiative will enable novel insights into the virus, as well as possible human factors that influence the effects of the disease, and whether a combination of both shape outcomes for NHS patients.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals is now recruiting patients to participate in the study and is aiming to recruit many more patients over the next coming weeks and has already recruited 23 patients to the study.

### **Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings**

I am continuing to meet internally and externally, wherever possible virtually and have attended a number of meetings including:

- Governor briefing update
- Meeting with Chairs of NUH and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- NED appraisals
- Consultant Interviews
- ICS and STP Independent Chairs session
- Fortnightly Board catch-ups
- Regular catch-ups and one-to-ones

### **System Working**

I have been in regular contact with Chairs across local and regional health economy's to discuss how system working is reset and restored, the outcome of these discussions will form the basis of future Board Development Sessions.

### **Membership summary**

The Forum for Public Involvement group meeting was held virtually on Monday 11 May, and we have plans for further virtual meetings in the future. We have also paused the Meet your Governor Sessions at this time, and are working with our governors to help restore how we reconnect with our members and the wider public.

### **Membership numbers**

Number of public members: 15,453

Number of staff members: 6,220

Total: 21,673